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Writing your project summary

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What is a project summary?



Likely the first thing a reviewer will read



Summarizes the project in ~1 page



Written for a non-specialist audience



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Checklist for a Project Summary

- Clear statement of the problem/issue addressed in the project
- Core research question (Insight) OR goal (Connection)
- Project objectives
- Theory/methods (Insight) OR KM activities (Connection)

Checklist cont'd

- Outputs
- Training/mentoring
- Contribution to knowledge/research
- Wider potential benefits





Introduce the topic...

The workplace-based supervision of social workers is often viewed as a providing crucial protection for marginalized and disenfranchised clients, while also ensuring staff are supported in delivering quality services. Yet, there remains a lack of strong evidence for supervision outcomes, and little understanding of supervision in organizations, resulting in reductions in workplace-based supervision with unknown consequences.

Example on slides 5-8 from successful 2021 SSHRC Insight Development Grant by Karen Sewell (Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, Carleton University) – shared with permission.

Repeat your goal/objectives...

Motivated to generate new knowledge about the current practice and organizational impact of social service workplace-based supervision in Ontario, this study seeks to answer the following overarching research questions: **What is the practice of supervision in Ontario social services? How does this supervision impact organizational outcomes?**

The objectives for this study are to:

1. Contribute to the social work and interdisciplinary scholarly literature on supervision, and social service administration;
2. Inform the development of supervision theory and models for practice;
3. Guide and support social service organizations in providing supervision of services to marginalized and disenfranchised individuals, families, and communities;
4. Train graduate level students to conduct supervision and organizational research to enhance the capacity of social services.

Describe your project activities

These objectives will be met through three research phases: (1) synthesizing the contemporary literature on the organizational outcomes of supervision; (2) surveying Ontario SWs/SSWs, supervisors, and leaders; and (3) interviewing a subset of survey participants to expand and nuance survey results.

Using the classic pragmatism (CP) concept of Community of Inquiry, we will engage Ontario social service decisionmakers in Integrated Knowledge Translation. Phase 1 will employ a scoping review framework to synthesize the literature on the organizational outcomes of supervision. Phase 2 will build on the scoping review findings and insight from the Community of Inquiry to develop, distribute, and analyze a survey for Ontario SWs, SSWs, supervisors and leaders that will establish the practice of supervision and the associated organizational outcomes. Participants will be recruited through the Ontario SW/SSW professional regulatory body, and 2 professional and 13 service specific associations. We will conduct univariate, bivariate, and multivariate analyses, with findings presented to the Community of Inquiry to direct decision-making and practice. Phase 3 will enhance Phase 2 findings through interviewing 45 survey participants representing different roles and social service sectors. Braun and Clark's (2006) steps of thematic analysis will be used to analyze the interview transcripts, with methods used to enhance trustworthiness and rigour.

Outline the outputs & impacts...

Findings will be presented to the Community of Inquiry for use in practice.

We will further disseminate findings to: the social work and interdisciplinary supervision scholarly community through 3 peer-reviewed journal articles and 5 conference presentations; and social service organizations, associations, and the public through 3 infographics and 3 plain language reports posted on social media and websites, and 3 articles published on The Conversation.

Five graduate students will be provided high quality training and supervision to enhance their research knowledge and skills sets.

Ultimately, the study will inform the development of supervision theory and models for practice, providing guidance and support to organizations in supervising services for marginalized and disenfranchised populations.